# COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

### **FISCAL NOTE**

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 4581-01 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 816

Subject: Taxation and Revenue - General

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: February 8, 2010

Bill Summary: Would reduce the time period before interest is paid on overpayments of

tax from 4 months to 45 days.

# **FISCAL SUMMARY**

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	
Total Estimated Net Effect on Other State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 20121	FY 2013	
Total Estimated Net Effect on All Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0	

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- □ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
<b>Local Government</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

### **ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Office of the State Treasurer** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their organization.

Officials from the **Office of Administration**, **Division of Budget and Planning** (BAP) assume there would be no added cost to their organization as a result of this proposal. BAP officials stated that this proposal would require the Department of Revenue (DOR) to refund tax overpayments within 45 days, instead of 4 months. This proposal would have no impact on total state revenues, but could result in cash flow issues if resources are insufficient to pay refunds within the specified time frame. BAP officials assume that DOR should provide the estimate of possible increased costs to GR as a result of the reduced time before interest is paid on overpayments of tax from four months to 45 days.

Officials from the **Department of Revenue** (DOR) note that this proposal would require their organization to pay interest on overpaid taxes if overpayments are not refunded within 45 days instead of the 120 days allowed by current provisions.

DOR officials stated that they would have difficulty meeting this requirement and assume the requirement would create an unknown negative impact on Total State Revenue in excess of \$100,000 per year.

DOR officials included an estimate of the cost to implement the proposal including two additional employees with related benefits, equipment, and expense totaling \$79,301 for FY 2011, \$\$84,162 for FY 2012, and \$86,689 for FY 2013. DOR officials provided a response to a similar proposal (HB 1614, LR 3634-01) which did not include any additional employees.

**Oversight** will assume the proposal would be implemented with existing employees. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, DOR could request funding through the appropriation process.

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## ASSUMPTION (continued)

## IT Systems Cost

DOR officials stated that their organization and OA-ITSD (DOR) would need to make programming changes to the Corporation Income Tax System (COINS), the Corporate and Franchise (Tax) Entry System (CAFÉ), the Case Audit Management System (CAMS), the Withholding System (DWIT) and the individual income tax system (MINITS). The DOR estimate of IT costs was \$17,808 based on 672 hours of programming to make adjustments to the various DOR systems.

**Oversight** assumes OA-ITSD (DOR) is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity each year. Oversight assumes OA-ITSD (DOR) could absorb the costs related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require additional staffing and duties at substantial costs, OA-ITSD (DOR) could request funding through the appropriation process.

**Oversight** will indicate a revenue reduction of more than \$100,000 per year for this proposal beginning with FY 2011. Oversight assumes that a full year impact would be incurred in FY 2011 since this proposal would become effective in August of 2010 and substantially all refunds for filings in FY 2011 would be subject to the new provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
Revenue reduction - DOR Additional interest on refunds	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)	(More than \$100,000)
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2011 (10 Mo.)	FY 2012	FY 2013
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u>\$0</u>

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# FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

## FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This proposal would reduce the time period before interest is paid on overpayments of tax from 4 months to 45 days.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

# **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

Office of the State Treasurer
Office of Administration
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